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CROP VALUES

The production of Minnesota's **field and miscellaneous crops** was valued at \$9.87 billion in 2015. This was an 11 percent increase from 2014.

The value of **corn** production totaled \$4.86 billion, up 15 percent from the previous year, and production was up 21 percent. Minnesota's corn price averaged \$3.40 per bushel, a decrease of \$0.18 from the last marketing year.

Up 8 percent from 2014, the value of **soybean** production was \$3.25 billion, and production was up 25 percent. Average prices dropped \$1.36 from the previous year to \$8.60 per bushel.

Value of production increased in 2015 from 2014 for oats, barley, spring and winter wheat, all sunflowers, canola, and potatoes. Alfalfa hay, other hay, all forage, flaxseed, and dry edible bean value of production decreased from last year. Sugarbeet value of production decreased in 2014 from 2013.

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	Minnesota				United States			
	Market Year Average Price per Unit		Value of Production		Market Year Average Price per Unit		Value of Production	
	2014	2015	2014	2015	2014	2015	2014	2015
	dollars	dollars	1,000 dollars	1,000 dollars	dollars	dollars	1,000 dollars	1,000 dollars
Field and Misc. Crops ¹	(NA)	(NA)	8,924,330	9,873,135	(NA)	(NA)	149,815,239	135,711,812
Barley.....bu	5.38	5.35	16,786	49,434	5.30	5.50	914,955	1,117,323
Canola.....cwt	19.70	18.00	4,713	7,276	16.90	15.50	423,382	445,514
Corn.....bu	3.58	3.40	4,216,524	4,857,920	3.70	3.60	52,951,760	49,038,819
Dry Edible Beans.....cwt	43.10	31.80	124,387	123,893	32.30	28.70	980,622	883,276
Flaxseed.....bu	11.00	8.50	528	357	11.80	8.85	75,077	89,869
Forage, All ²ton	(NA)	(NA)	704,530	513,823	(NA)	(NA)	21,702,282	19,126,825
Hay, All.....ton	122.00	89.00	550,480	376,611	172.00	151.00	19,099,238	16,839,538
Hay, Alfalfa.....ton	136.00	105.00	433,840	297,675	196.00	163.00	10,569,103	8,729,134
Hay, Other.....ton	90.00	69.00	116,640	78,936	130.00	125.00	8,530,135	8,110,404
Oats.....bu	3.22	2.10	25,358	26,208	3.21	2.20	241,472	220,398
Potatoes, Fall.....cwt	9.25	10.50	151,700	170,100	8.35	8.25	3,368,977	3,335,214
Soybeans.....bu	9.96	8.60	3,004,982	3,246,500	10.10	8.80	39,474,861	34,535,320
Sugarbeets ³ton	45.10	(NA)	440,402	(NA)	46.00	(NA)	1,437,575	(NA)
Sunflowers, All.....cwt	24.50	20.20	20,809	33,815	21.70	18.90	497,775	559,257
Sunflowers, Non-Oil.....cwt	(D)	22.60	(D)	9,560	31.50	23.00	174,306	127,932
Sunflowers, Oil.....cwt	(D)	19.60	(D)	24,255	19.30	18.00	323,469	431,325
Wheat, All.....bu	5.48	4.75	363,900	422,065	5.99	5.00	11,914,954	10,203,360
Wheat, Winter.....bu	5.26	4.10	8,248	10,225	5.92	4.90	8,036,108	6,716,666
Wheat, Other Spring.....bu	5.48	4.80	355,652	411,840	5.75	4.85	3,396,429	2,869,000

(NA) Not available. (D) Not published to avoid disclosure of individual operations.

¹ Includes corn for grain, oats, barley, wheat, soybeans, sunflowers, canola, hay, dry beans, grains, oilseeds, cotton, tobacco, sugar crops, peas, lentils, potatoes, and miscellaneous crops.

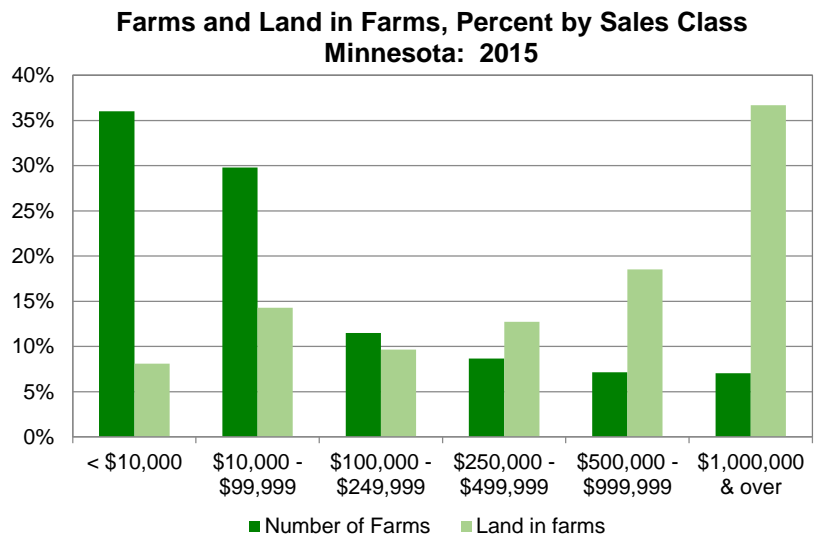
² Dry all hay price used to calculate haylage/greenchop portion of total value of production.

³ State prices and values for 2015 will be published in *Crop Values* released February 2017.

FARMS & LAND IN FARMS

The total number of farms in Minnesota in 2015 was 73,600, down 400 farms compared to a year ago. The number of farms in the \$1,000,000 and over sales class increased by 100 to 5,300. Total land in farms in Minnesota in 2015 was 25.9 million acres, unchanged since 2013. Land in farms was unchanged for all sales classes. The average farm size in Minnesota in 2015 was 352 acres, up two acres from 2014. The average farm size in the \$1,000,000 and over sales class decreased 35 acres from 1,827 acres on average in 2014 to 1,792 in 2015.

The number of farms in the United States for 2015 is estimated at 2.07 million, down 18 thousand farms from 2014. Total land in farms, at 912 million acres, decreased 1 million acres from 2014. The average farm size for 2015 is 441 acres, up 3 acres from the previous year.



Farm numbers and land in farms are differentiated by six economic sales classes. Farms and ranches are classified into these six sales classes by summing the sales of agricultural products and government program payments. Sales class breaks occur at \$10,000, \$100,000, \$250,000, \$500,000, and \$1,000,000. Producers were asked during the 2015 mid-year surveys to report the value of sales based on production during the 2014 calendar year. Production or commodity price changes in 2014 resulted in the total value for most livestock and livestock products to increase while the value of most crops declined.

Point Farms are farms that did not have the required minimum \$1,000 in sales for the year to qualify as a farm, but had sufficient crops and livestock to normally have sales of \$1,000 or more. Point Farms are assigned a sales class based on the sum of the agricultural point (dollar) values assigned to the quantity of commodities produced, but not sold. The 2012 Census of Agriculture showed that 428,810 farms or 20.3 percent of the 2.11 million farms were Point Farms. These Point Farms operated 63.0 million acres or 6.9 percent of the 914.5 million acres of farmland.

Farm numbers decreased by 18 thousand farms during 2015. The number of farms in Sales Class \$1,000 - \$9,999 declined while all other sales classes increased slightly. Fifty percent of all farms had less than \$10,000 in sales. Eighty percent of all farms had less than \$100,000 in sales. Eight percent of all farms had sales of \$500,000 or more.

Farms and Land in Farms, by Sales Class - Minnesota: 2011-2015

[Farms and ranches are classified in "sales classes" by summing sales of agricultural products and government program payments.]

	\$1,000-\$9,999	\$10,000-\$99,999	\$100,000-\$249,999	\$250,000-\$499,999	\$500,000-\$999,999 ¹	\$1,000,000 & over ¹	Total
Number of Farms							
2011	29,800	21,800	8,400	6,500	8,900	(NA)	75,400
2012	27,000	22,000	8,400	6,400	10,700	(NA)	74,500
2013	27,000	22,000	8,400	6,400	5,300	5,300	74,400
2014	26,600	21,900	8,600	6,400	5,300	5,200	74,000
2015	26,500	21,900	8,500	6,300	5,100	5,300	73,600
Land in Farms, 1,000 acres							
2011	2,400	3,900	2,900	3,900	13,000	(NA)	26,100
2012	2,100	3,650	2,600	3,350	14,300	(NA)	26,000
2013	2,100	3,650	2,550	3,300	4,770	9,530	25,900
2014	2,100	3,700	2,500	3,300	4,800	9,500	25,900
2015	2,100	3,700	2,500	3,300	4,800	9,500	25,900
Average Farm Size, acres							
2011	81	179	345	600	1,461	(NA)	346
2012	78	166	310	523	1,336	(NA)	349
2013	78	166	304	516	900	1,798	348
2014	79	169	291	516	906	1,827	350
2015	79	169	294	524	941	1,792	352

(NA) Not available. ¹Beginning in 2013, the \$500,000-\$999,999 and \$1,000,000 and over categories are published separately. Prior to that, the information was combined in the \$500,000 and over category.

CHICKENS & EGGS

Minnesota Egg production during January 2016 was 226 million eggs, down 1 percent from last month, and down 22 percent from last year. The average number of **all layers on hand during January 2016** was 9.46 million, up slightly from last month, but down 20 percent from last year. Eggs per 100 layers for the month of January were 2,389, down 1 percent from last month, and down 2 percent from last year.

United States egg production totaled 8.15 billion during January 2016, down 5 percent from last year. Production included 7.01 billion table eggs, and 1.14 billion hatching eggs, of which 1.05 billion were broiler-type and 89 million were egg-type. The total number of layers during January 2016 averaged 351 million, down 4 percent from last year. January egg production per 100 layers was 2,323 eggs, down 1 percent from January 2015.

All layers in the United States on February 1, 2016 totaled 352 million, down 4 percent from last year. The 352 million layers consisted of 293 million layers producing table or market type eggs, 54.8 million layers producing broiler-type hatching eggs, and 3.53 million layers producing egg-type hatching eggs. Rate of lay per day on February 1, 2016, averaged 74.8 eggs per 100 layers, down slightly from February 1, 2015.

Egg-type chicks hatched during January 2016 totaled 47.6 million, up 8 percent from January 2015. Eggs in incubators totaled 47.1 million on February 1, 2016, up 16 percent from a year ago. Domestic placements of egg-type pullet chicks for future hatchery supply flocks by leading breeders totaled 148 thousand during January 2016, down 45 percent from January 2015.

Broiler-type chicks hatched during January 2016 totaled 799 million, up 1 percent from January 2015. Eggs in incubators totaled 649 million on February 1, 2016, up 1 percent from a year ago. Leading breeders placed 6.73 million broiler-type pullet chicks for future domestic hatchery supply flocks during January 2016, down 3 percent from January 2015.

Layers on Hand and Eggs Produced – States and United States: During January 2015 and 2016

[Data may not add to totals due to rounding. Data by type of flock not shown for some states to avoid disclosing individual operations, data included in United States totals.]

State	Table egg layers in flocks 30,000 & above		All layers on hand		Eggs per 100 layers		Total egg production		Table egg production	
	2015	2016	2015	2016	2015	2016	2015	2016	2015	2016
	(1,000 layers)	(1,000 layers)	(1,000 layers)	(1,000 layers)	(eggs)	(eggs)	(million eggs)	(million eggs)	(million eggs)	(million eggs)
Alabama	1,536	1,540	9,168	9,233	1,963	1,960	180	181	39	41
Arkansas	3,953	3,883	13,078	13,857	2,110	2,122	276	294	104	105
California	11,042	11,866	11,540	12,359	2,340	2,403	270	297	(D)	(D)
Colorado	3,944	4,143	4,317	4,586	2,409	2,551	104	117	(D)	(D)
Florida	8,760	8,548	9,122	8,896	2,302	2,349	210	209	206	205
Georgia	10,005	10,412	18,943	19,454	2,159	2,221	409	432	236	256
Illinois	4,334	4,535	4,794	4,996	2,461	2,522	118	126	113	121
Indiana	26,707	29,071	27,589	30,013	2,323	2,442	641	733	625	715
Iowa	58,491	39,128	59,723	40,370	2,403	2,140	1,435	864	1,417	846
Maryland	2,649	2,635	2,814	2,798	2,416	2,466	68	69	67	68
Michigan	12,828	12,991	13,062	13,208	2,503	2,506	327	331	(D)	(D)
Minnesota	11,390	9,004	11,845	9,461	2,431	2,389	288	226	282	219
Mississippi	1,535	1,484	5,676	5,731	2,079	2,076	118	119	38	36
Missouri	7,570	7,566	11,156	11,091	2,331	2,470	260	274	(D)	(D)
Nebraska	9,459	8,163	9,567	8,271	2,550	2,225	244	184	244	184
New York	4,732	5,366	5,087	5,737	2,536	2,423	129	139	(D)	(D)
North Carolina	6,575	6,750	14,330	14,549	2,198	2,241	315	326	172	179
Ohio	30,945	32,013	31,807	32,873	2,418	2,409	769	792	(D)	(D)
Oregon	2,194	2,278	2,333	2,417	2,615	2,565	61	62	61	62
Pennsylvania	24,130	23,919	26,186	26,017	2,551	2,498	668	650	639	619
South Carolina	3,178	3,067	4,437	4,337	2,186	2,260	97	98	74	74
South Dakota	2,496	1,465	2,638	1,607	2,426	2,365	64	38	64	38
Texas	14,885	16,545	19,037	20,531	2,243	2,265	427	465	(D)	(D)
Utah	4,438	4,405	4,476	4,443	2,480	2,273	111	101	111	101
Virginia	1,251	1,200	2,953	2,936	2,201	2,282	65	67	34	35
Washington	7,225	6,723	7,390	6,888	2,449	2,395	181	165	(D)	(D)
Wisconsin	4,749	4,777	5,486	5,464	2,406	2,398	132	131	(D)	(D)
Other States ¹	18,937	19,311	28,148	28,443	2,295	2,303	646	655	508	518
United States	299,938	282,788	366,702	350,566	2,349	2,323	8,613	8,145	7,504	7,008

(D) Withheld to avoid disclosing data for individual operations. ¹ Not published separately to avoid disclosing individual operations.

MONTHLY PRICES

The January 2016 average price received by farmers for **corn** in Minnesota was \$3.47 per bushel. This was up \$0.03 from the December price, but \$0.24 lower than the January 2015 price.

The January 2016 average price received by farmers for **soybeans**, at \$8.33 per bushel, was down \$0.22 from the December price, and \$1.87 lower than the January 2015 price.

The January 2016 price for **spring wheat** was \$4.80 per bushel, up \$0.08 from December, but \$1.02 below January 2015.

All hay prices in Minnesota averaged \$88.00 per ton in January, down \$5.00 from the December price, and \$21.00 per ton less than January 2015. **Alfalfa hay** prices fell \$22.00 per ton from one year ago, to \$100.00, while **other hay** prices were \$11.00 per ton lower than last year, at \$67.00.

The January average price was \$16.50 per cwt for **milk**, down \$0.50 from December, and \$1.80 per cwt below one year ago.

Prices Received by Farmers - Minnesota and United States

	Minnesota			United States		
	January 2015	December 2015	January 2016	January 2015	December 2015	January 2016
	(dollars)	(dollars)	(dollars)	(dollars)	(dollars)	(dollars)
Barley, allbu	5.67	5.22	5.00	4.86	5.89	5.46
Beans, dry ediblecwt	(D)	29.40	35.70	33.00	23.70	28.50
Cornbu	3.71	3.44	3.47	3.82	3.65	3.66
Hay, all baledton	109.00	93.00	88.00	149.00	142.00	137.00
Alfalfaton	122.00	105.00	100.00	170.00	150.00	147.00
Otherton	78.00	73.00	67.00	122.00	129.00	121.00
Oatsbu	3.08	2.12	2.31	3.02	2.11	1.92
Potatoescwt	9.10	10.20	10.40	9.12	8.54	8.58
Soybeansbu	10.20	8.55	8.33	10.30	8.76	8.71
Spring Wheatbu	5.82	4.72	4.80	5.84	4.77	4.80
Sunflowers, allcwt	(D)	19.00	18.90	19.10	19.40	20.00
Milk, allcwt	18.30	17.00	16.50	17.60	17.20	16.10

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Livestock Prices Received by Farmers - United States

	January 2015	December 2015	January 2016
	(dollars)	(dollars)	(dollars)
Calvescwt	288.00	193.00	196.00
Cattle, all beefcwt	164.00	122.00	130.00
Cows ¹cwt	112.00	74.80	74.20
Steers & Heiferscwt	166.00	123.00	132.00
Hogs, allcwt	57.40	42.80	43.60
Barrows & Giltscwt	57.70	43.30	44.00
Sowscwt	48.00	28.40	31.50
Eggs (market)..... doz	1.07	1.04	0.968

¹ Beef cows and cull dairy cows sold for slaughter.

Dollars per Bushel
Corn Price Received by Farmers, Minnesota, 2014-2016

